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Sir:

The present paper is responsive to the Non-final Office Action of September 10, 2004, and is being filed during the original shortened statutory period for responding to the Action, which is set to expire on December 10, 2004. Accordingly, no extension fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent any fees are required for this paper, please charge such fees to deposit account no. 19-0733.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 19 of this paper.